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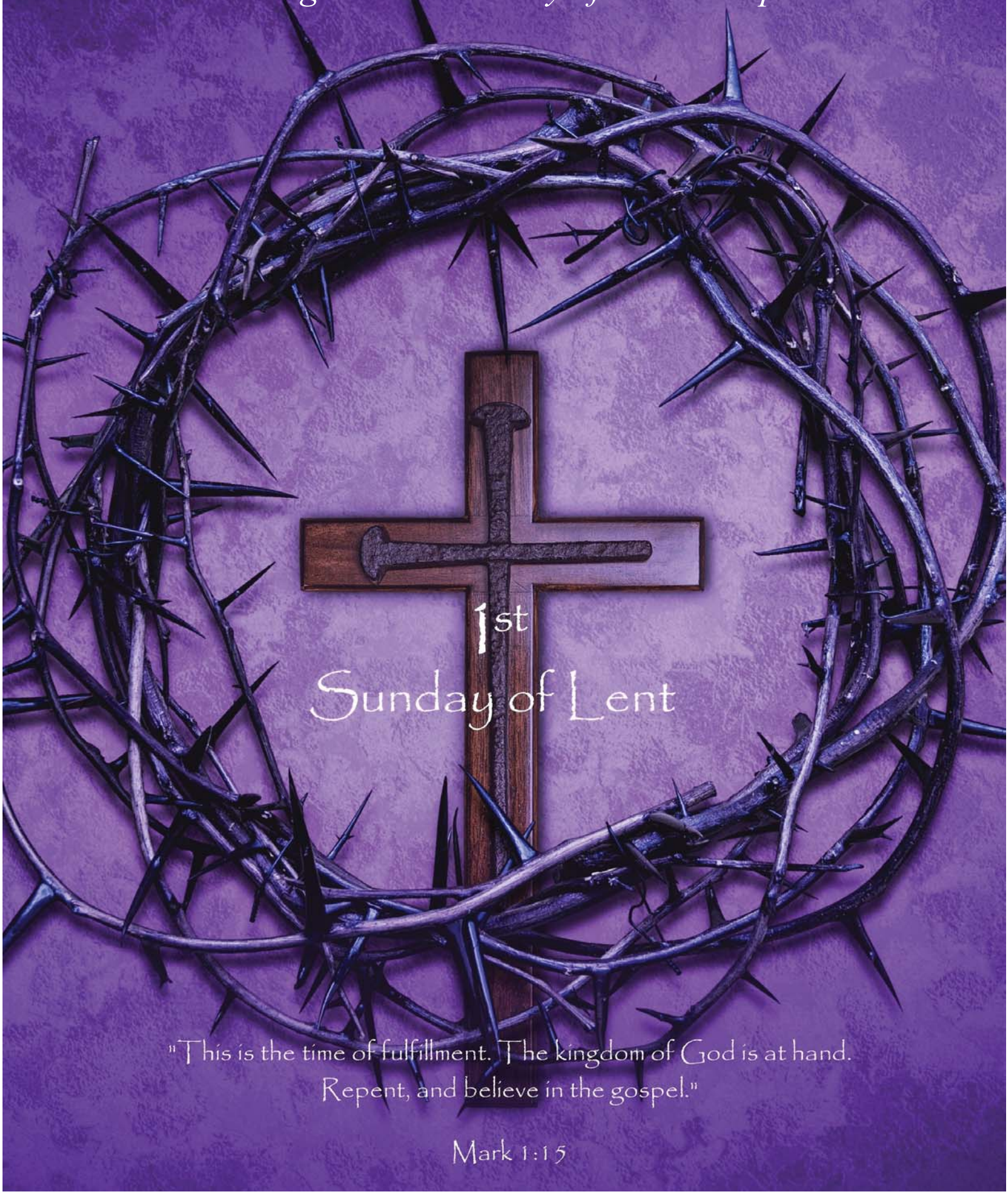
Saint Brigid and Our Lady of the Assumption



1st Sunday of Lent

"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel."

Mark 1:15

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF MILLBURY
SAINT BRIGID † OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Parish Office

59 Main Street, Millbury, MA 01527
Mon. - Thurs. 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM
(508) 865-6624 • **Fax:** (508) 865-3101
www.stbrigidparish.org

Assumption Parish Phone: (508) 865-2657
www.assumptionmillbury.org

Assumption School

17 Grove St.
Millbury, MA 01527
(508)865-5404
WWW.ASSUMPTIONSCHOOLMILLBURY.ORG
Julie Olson
Principal

St. Vincent de Paul Society Outreach

774-262-5506

Mass Times

St. Brigid Church
59 Main Street
Saturday: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 7:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Assumption Church

10 Waters Street
Sunday: 9:00 AM

Weekday Mass Times

Monday & Thursday
9:00AM

Tuesday & Wednesday
7:00AM

All at Assumption Church

Parish Staff

Clergy

Rev. Daniel R. Mulcahy, Jr.
Pastor

Rev. Mr. Ronald B. Buron
Deacon
Facilities
Safe Environment

Administration

Ronald Marlborough
Buildings and Grounds

Pastoral Associates

Sister Jeanne Richard, S.A.S.V.
Pastoral Care Ministry Emerita

Gregory Bernard
Adolescent & Young Adult Faith Formation
Youth Ministry
Communications

Deborah R. Blicharz
Children's Faith Formation
Community Life and Outreach

Claudette Belair
Music Ministry

Sacraments

Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated each month. To prepare for your child's Baptism, parents will attend a preparational session. For more information, or to make arrangements, please call the parish office.

Penance and Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM
or anytime upon request.

Marriage

Please call the parish office at least one year in advance.

Anointing of the Sick and Communion Calls

Please call the office when a parishioner is confined at home, is in the hospital, or placed in a nursing home or hospice. Holy Communion is brought to shut-ins upon request.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Sat., February 20

4:00 PM **Bridget and John O'Malley**
By: The family

Sun., February 21

7:00 AM **Joan Graves**
By: Maggie Valle

9:00 AM **Alphonse Beauregard, 60th Anniversary**
By: The family

11:00 AM **Patricia Hamilton**
By: Her husband and children

Mon., February 22

9:00 AM **James Calabrese**
By: George and Eileen McCarron

Tue., February 23

7:00 AM **Mary Malley, 1st Anniversary**
By: Sue Chausse

All Souls

Wed., February 24

9:00 AM **Marguerite Barrett**
By: George and Eileen McCarron

Thu., February 25

9:00 AM **Paula "Potenti" Waters**
By: Fr. Dan

The People of the Catholic Parishes of Millbury

Fri., February 26, Stations of the Cross and Mass

6:30 PM **Patricia A. "Hanratty" Hill**
By: Fr. Dan

Sat., February 27

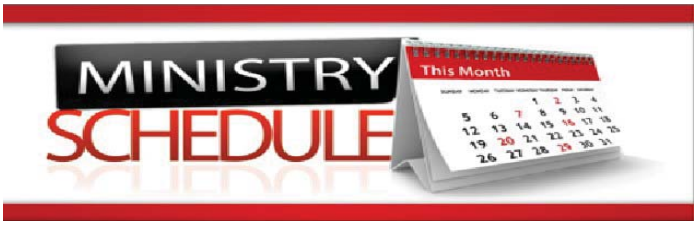
4:00 PM **Erin Coakley**
By: Fr. Dan

Sun., February 28

7:00 AM **Daniel and Mary Mazeika**
By: The family

9:00 AM **Felicien Routhier, Birthday Remembrance**
By: Paul and Ann-Marie Routhier

11:00 AM **Lillian Greymas**
By: John Morkunas



Saturday, Feb. 27, 4:00 PM at St. Brigid

AS: R. Prue, T. Yaz
L: J. Hanratty
EM: H. Quan, K. Anderson

Sunday, Feb. 28, 7:00 AM at St. Brigid

AS: J. Mazeika
L: J. Mazeika
EM: M. & B. Blunt

Sunday, Feb. 28, 9:00 AM at Assumption

AS: D. & H. Dorsey
L: D. Blicharz
EM: T. Tronerud, M. Sprino

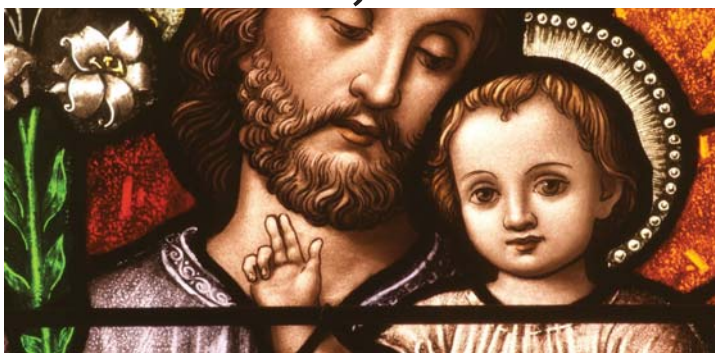
Sunday, Feb. 28, 11:00 AM at St. Brigid

AS: N/A
L: Z. & R. Curnen
EM: M. & J. Piselli

SCRIPTURE READINGS 2021

SUNDAY Feb. 21	Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
MONDAY Feb. 22	1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19
TUESDAY Feb. 23	Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
WEDNESDAY Feb. 24	Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
THURSDAY Feb. 25	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
FRIDAY Feb. 26	Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
SATURDAY Feb. 27	Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
SUNDAY Feb. 28	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

SAINT JOSEPH, PRAY FOR US!



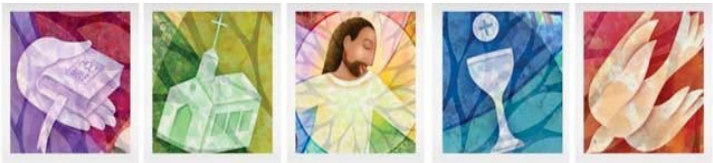
In Loving Memory

John & Julia Anger
Lee Aubin
Jeanne Augustine
Larry F. Army
Gregory Barlay
Albina Bartkus
Edward Bartkus
Ann Beesley
Arthur G. Boucher
Patricia Bourdeau
Sylvio E. Bourdeau
Joseph & Rose Cataldo
Frank Cammuso
Philip Chabot, Sr.
Rita Cogliandro
Albert and Helen Collette
Pat and Tiff Correia
Donna "Gain" Cournoyer
Karen A. Courville
Roland O. Couture
Arthur "Archie" Cronin
Gerald & Peggy Croteau
George A. D'Auteuil, Jr.
George A. D'Auteuil, Sr.
Kathleen M. DeCillis
Raymond DeRouin
Armand Desorcy
Diane Dion
Joseph Dunn
Timothy P. Eckland
Jonathan Favreau
Lois M. Fisher
Gabrielle G. Gaboriault
Joe & Jean Gagliardi
William Gain, Jr.
Bernice Gaudere
Reggie Gauthier
Ruth Gonsorcik
John & Irene Guyan
Robert James (Sam) Guyan
Betty Hamilton
Derek Hamilton
Thomas & Patricia Hamilton
Robert J. Hamilton
Matthew Hartline
John Huchowski
Paul J. Jandron
Joanne Juskavitch
Joseph V. Kane
Richard Kroll
Michael P. Krumsiek
Lillian Langevin
Tan Le
Noe R. LeBeau, Sr.
Edward L. Lemoine
Kevin Lemoine
Rita Lemoine
Mark Lizotte
William and Irene Louis
Joseph Matthews
Margaret Matthews
Leo & Jane Metivier
Kenneth Michalak
Mary B. Mrozinski
Lorraine Mooney
Elsie Moquin
Ann Mulcahy
Daniel R. Mulcahy, Sr.
Albert Nikosey
Evelyn Noonan
Joseph Noonan
Rosemary Norton
John P. & Bridget O'Malley
Virginia Richnick
Arlene Riedle
Stephen Rodwill
Elaine Roy
Darlene Russell
Dorothy Russell
Marshall Russell
Michael W. Russell
William Russell
Bob & Rita Shea
Gino Silveri
Lucien Sirard
Maureen L. Stacy
C. Richard Stockhaus
Joseph F. Stockwell
James Tabor
Neal R. Thomas
Connor Tronerud
Chester Urban
Robert E. Vaillancourt
Nancy Vaillancourt
Lucille Vecchione
William T. Walsh
Paula Ward
Margaret Wendt
Dolores White
Ronald Woodward
Frank J. Yaz

May They Rest in Peace

Would you like to remember a loved one in our Remembrance section? The cost of enrollment will be a $50 donation for the year. Please contact the office (508) 865-6624 to enroll your loved one(s).

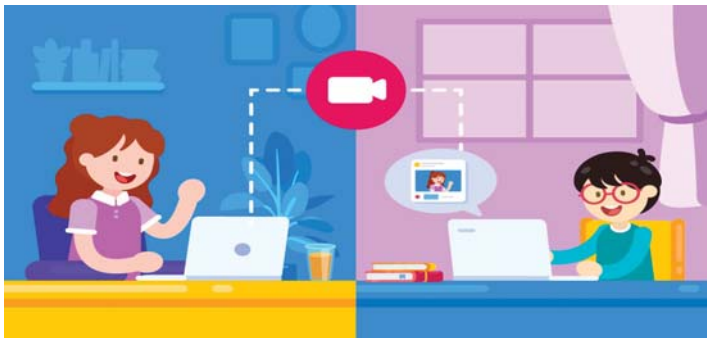
Youth & Family Faith Formation



Given the continued increasing COVID-19 cases, we will be postponing the start of the Little Lambs program through May. Please watch this space for updates.

Wishing you all a blessed and healthy new year!

Faith Formation Update



Due to the increase in local COVID numbers, we have moved to a fully remote Faith Formation format in all grades 2-10. We have adjusted curriculums accordingly and are in the process of communicating revised schedules to all families. We will remain in this remote model at minimum through the end of February. We pray that all our families have a healthy and blessed 2021!

Parish Secretary

The Catholic Parishes of Millbury is looking for a secretary to work Monday through Thursday 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM. Must be computer literate, and familiarity with office and church responsibilities would be an asset.
Salary and hours are negotiable.
Call Deacon Ron Buron at 508-865-6624 if interested or with questions.

The St. Brigid debt figure, after the recent payments and Diocesan match, is:

$34,575.60

This is down from the original figure of nearly $500,000. Thank You!

Care for Creation Corner

"The environment...is on loan to each generation, which must then hand it on to the next." *(Laudato Si 159)*

Unused food can be composted which puts it to good use if your family does any type of gardening. Discuss the modern meaning of the phrase in Genesis 2:15 - “to keep and cultivate the garden”. What is expected of us to "keep it"?

Time how long you are in the shower. Try to keep your shower to less than 4 minutes on average.

Use rechargeable batteries and eliminate the waste, consume less!! Example: Keeping your phone for 4 years instead of 2 has an environmental impact. Check storyofstuff.org

Discuss with the oldest members of your family their perspectives on protecting the environment. Express your hopes for the future.

Ministries

Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Diocese of Worcester
Catholic Parishes of Millbury
Phone: 774-262-5506

MONTHLY MEETINGS
Third Sunday - 10:00 AM
The Offices of the
Catholic Parishes of Millbury
New Members Welcome!

PARISH FOOD COLLECTION

Monthly: First Weekend
Food Bins are located in the Main Entrance of the Church

All food donations must be dropped off on food drive dates and placed in the large blue bins only, no exceptions. NO Perishables, NO Cleanouts.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Monthly: First Weekend - 12:15 PM
St. Brigid Church Hall

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS LIST

THE PANTRY IS IN NEED OF:
Oatmeal, Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup,
Paper Goods, Snacks

Please No Perishable, Expired Dates, or Pet Food.

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the soul of

Thomas S. O'Connor

who has gone home to God. May he rest in Christ's eternal light and peace.

Greetings from the Knights of Columbus!

As we approach Lent, it is once again, time for us to prepare for our "Friday Drive By Fish Fries", beginning February 19th starting at 4 PM at our trailer in the parking lot of St.Mark's in Sutton. So, please help us help others by driving in to get the best fish in the area. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

With much appreciation for your support,
Bishop Flanagan Council 12710

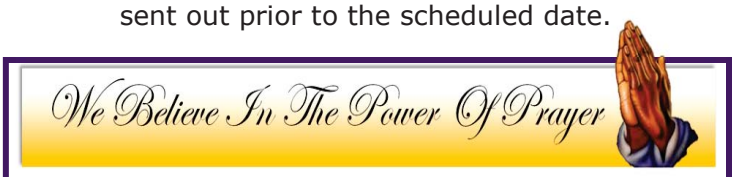
God's Peace be with you!

Deacon Information Sessions

The Office of the Diaconate is seeking active men of faith in the Diocese of Worcester who may be discerning a vocation as a permanent deacon. Two online information sessions have been scheduled on February 23 and March 4 at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Each session should last from 1.5 to 2 hours. Men between the ages of 31 and 60, married or single, who are interested in learning more about the permanent diaconate and the process for becoming a deacon may pre-register for one of the information sessions at:

worcesterdiocese.org/register-for-information-session

An email with the link to the online session will be sent out prior to the scheduled date.



MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Prayer Line: 508-865-6853
or 508-756-9854

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, call one of the confidential prayer lines listed above.

PRAY FAST GIVE

GUIDELINES FOR FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Lenten fast and abstinence regulations for the Diocese of Worcester are as follows:

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years of age and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting is to be observed by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 years of age on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed Lenten penitential practices.

***GOOD FRIDAY:** Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.*

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Word of Life

"Abortion affects countless marriages more than many people recognize. But there is no doubt that God will bring great healing to those who trust in His infinite mercy. If a past abortion can be acknowledged and addressed, a married couple can make great strides in experiencing, even more fully, God's design that 'the two shall become one' (Mt 19:5)."

From the USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"Healing within Marriage from an Abortion"

Prayer for Black History Month

Spirit of Abundance, God of Grace, Mother of Hope,
we pause now to remember those stories that are all around us,
but so often passed over those stories that when told are shared
because of what someone is, not who they are.

This month in our nation's character is Black History month.
Help us to realize that Black history is all our histories.

May the day come when these stories
are so wildly taught that no month need be separately divided.

We know this day will not come until we as a people
make different choices.
We pray now for those new choices.

May we come to see a day where the prison system
becomes redemptive, not punitive.
A day where the legal system learns to focus
more squarely on the facts, and not the colors of our skin.
A day where our schools are as well funded
as the needs demand.

May our role models be allowed to excel when they thrive,
and not be taken down for their rich heritage.

We know this will require a shift in power
and this can be scary for some.
Give those full of fear – hope.

May we come to know grace, so that our hearts
will not be hardened to the pain around us.

There are so many beautiful stories needing to be told
and we need to get the chance to hear them.

Widen our vision so that the history that is shared this month,
and every month, come to be known as our history too.

We are most human when we see the humanity in others.

Author Unknown

This Week

SATURDAY ~ FEBRUARY 20
Boy Scouts @ SBH 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

SUNDAY ~ FEBRUARY 21
SVDP Meeting @ CPO 10:00 AM
SLAA @ SBH 7:30 PM

MONDAY ~ FEBRUARY 22
AA @ SBH 7:00 PM
GA @ OLAH 8:00 PM

TUESDAY ~ FEBRUARY 23
OA @ SBH 6:30-8:00 PM
Cub Scouts @ OLAH 6:30-8:00 PM

WEDNESDAY ~ FEBRUARY 24
No Events

THURSDAY ~ FEBRUARY 25
Cub Scouts @ SBH 6:30-8:00 PM

FRIDAY ~ FEBRUARY 26
No Events

SATURDAY ~ FEBRUARY 27
No Events

SUNDAY ~ FEBRUARY 28
Penance Prep @ OLAC 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
SLAA @ SBH 7:30 PM

Sanctuary Candles
Burning February 20-26

At Saint Brigid Church

In Loving Memory of

Bridget O'Malley

Requested by: The family

In Loving Memory of

Reggie Gauthier

Birthday Remembrance

Requested by: His wife

St. Joseph Candles
Burning February 20-26

At Assumption Church

In Loving Memory of

Deceased Members of the Piorkowski Family

Requested by: Cathy Piorkowski

Financials

Catholic Parishes of Millbury

Income
February 8, 2021

Regular Weekly Collection	**$5,051.00**
Ordinary Collection Monthly	$728.00
Online Giving	$2,236.00
Total Regular Weekly Collection	**$8,015.00**
Other Parish Income:	
Debt *(incl. online when appl.)*	$996.00
Specialty Ministries *(incl. online when appl.)*	$161.00
Utilities *(incl. online when applicable)*	$506.00
Mass Stipends	$50.00
Candles	$20.00
In Remembrance	$50.00
Catholic Free Press	$275.00
Initial Offering	$22.00
SVDP	$56.00
Hall Rental	$75.00
Plowing Reimbursement OLAS	$602.50
Christmas Flowers	$25.00
Total Other Income	**$2,838.50**
Total Income	**$10,853.50**

Mass Intentions and Candles

DID YOU KNOW? *The sanctuary lamp or sometimes called a sanctuary light/candle burns before the tabernacle to indicate and honor the presence of Christ … to let us know that Jesus is home.*

DID YOU KNOW? *That beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the same feast in 2021, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "Year of St. Joseph."*

DID YOU KNOW? *To honor St. Joseph, candles are being made available for your intentions at the statues of St. Joseph in both St. Brigid and Assumption churches.*

DID YOU KNOW? *Mass Intentions, Sanctuary Candles, and St. Joseph Candles are available for 2021. Masses are still available on weekends and weekdays.*

If you would like to schedule a Mass, Sanctuary Candle, or St. Joseph Candle please call the office at 508-865-6624, send an email to secretary@stbrigidparish.org or stop by the office during regular business hours, Monday – Thursday from 8:30 AM until 12:30 PM.
Please be sure to include your name and phone number in any contact along with your request.

Assumption School

Millbury, MA

A legacy of learning...a history with heart

Catholic Schools Week 2021 Themed Dress Up Days!

SENIOR CENTER NEWS

COVID-19 VACCINE ASSISTANCE

Millbury Senior Center will assist seniors 75 and older in registering for the COVID-19 vaccine. For an appointment, call the center at 508-865-9154.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

Every Tuesday from 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
The Blood Pressure Clinic is held inside now. Come to the front door and we will escort you from there. Masks are required, along with social distancing!

GRAB N' GO MEALS

Lunch meals will be available to be picked up daily at the front door at 11:30 AM. The menu is available on the town website www.townofmillbury.org, or our Millbury Senior Center Facebook page. A 48 hour reservation is required. For more information or reservations call us at 508-865-9154.

MILLBURY SENIOR CENTER IS NOW ACCEPTING SNAP APPLICATIONS (Food Stamps)

Appointments are on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10:00 - 2:00 PM. Call 508-865-9154 to schedule an appointment and obtain the required documentation.

This project has been funded at least in part with Federal Funds from USDA. This institution is an equal opportunity provider. The USDA does not endorse any goods, services or enterprises.

The Senior Center is closed to the Public.

While the building is not open to the public the Food Pantry at the Millbury Senior Center is available from 9AM to 1PM Monday thru Friday by calling 508-865-9247 for an appointment. Our food pantry is fully stocked at this time. Please tell us what you need and you can pick it up or we will deliver it. We are still here to answer any questions you may have and we are available for your transportation to doctors appointments, or if you need to go to the drug store for your prescriptions, we will take you there. If you don't have a mask, we will give you one. Also if you are in need of a home delivered meal, give us a call and we will set you up to get one delivered to you. Keep safe and remember to wear a mask if you go out and to wash your hands frequently.

If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a priest, religious, or lay person working for the Church, and you need a place to talk about your feelings of betrayal or hurt by the Church, call Judith Audette at the Office for Healing and Prevention, (508) 929-4363. A 24-hour-a-day confidential voicemail is available.

Snow Policy: No School/No Mass

For the safety of our parishioners, when school is **canceled or delayed** in Millbury, daily Mass is also canceled.

COVID-19

ENTER/EXIT: Use the front doors only at both churches for entry and exit. Only in an emergency, should the nearest safe exit be used. Please go directly to and from your vehicles before and after Mass.

ACCESSIBILITY: Anyone needing the accessible elevette at Assumption Church will still be able to do so via the rear hall door.

COVER UP: Masks must be worn at all times in the church except when it is time to receive Holy Communion.

SEATING: Every other pew has been taped-off closed for social distancing. In each open pew we have marked off, with stickers or tape, six feet of spacing as a point of reference. Families/Households sitting together do not need to safe distance.

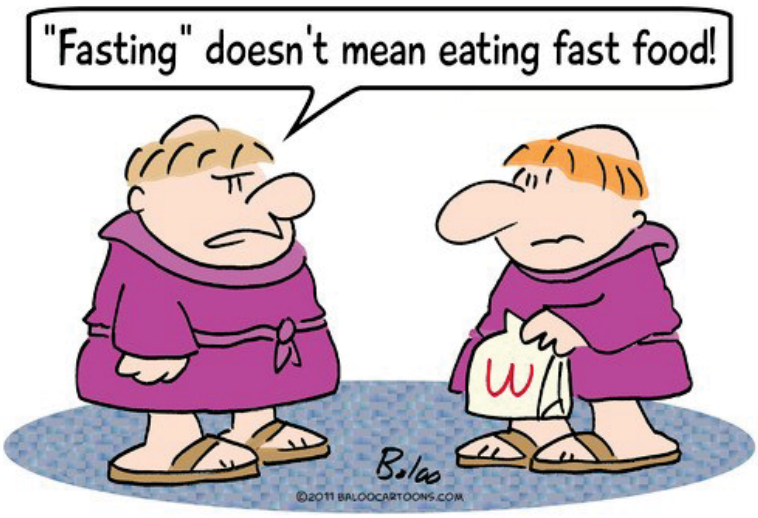
WALK THIS WAY: All aisles are marked with arrows on the floor to allow for safe flow of traffic during Communion.

COMMUNION: Only the Body of Christ will be offered for the foreseeable future. Please practice six feet of social distancing at all times during communion.

SIGN OF PEACE: Please use a non-contact sign of peace with a friendly wave to those around you.

PROCESSIONS: The priest, deacon and ministers will not process via the center aisle before or after Mass.

SANITIZE: While we will have some hand sanitizer pump bottles accessible in both churches, we encourage all to bring their own personal size supply to Mass if possible.



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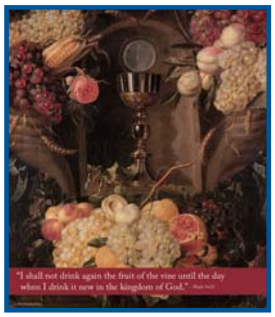

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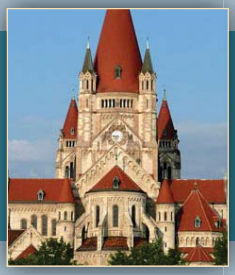

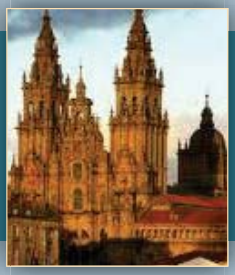

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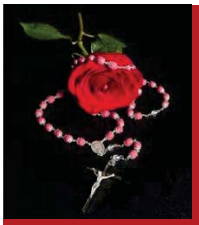

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